

"Go preach the Gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Paul says, "We are reconciled to God by the death of his Son, but we are saved by his life." The wonder is, that preachers and priests have not seen that it is His life in us every day that saves. Likewise, it is the "dying daily" to self interests that enables God to work thro us, the salvation of others.

Some queer things. A week ago last Sunday morning before Sunday School I was called to read and speak words of comfort in a bereaved home, where the death of an infant babe had cast its cloud. Sad that religion has so little place in that home, except when the death angel hovers over it. Had Christ lived there daily the scene had been different. But we will draw the curtain. Just this week I called to see a little girl sick with scarlet fever and at the point of death. The doctor could give but little hope of her recovery. The parents were grief stricken. The mother is a professor but the father is not. But both were very much concerned about their babe, and very earnestly asked me to baptize her. The mother once belonged to a church that baptized children, yet that same church will tell us that "there is nothing in baptism" for grown folks, but unless a child is baptized it will go to hell. O, the horrors of such a doctrine! Not the slightest scripture in all God's word on which to found such a damnable heresy. But after patiently explaining the teaching of Jesus concerning little children, I told them I would lay my hands on the child and pray for her in the name of the Lord Jesus. They were glad. At the close of my brief prayer, the child opened her eyes and looked at me, the first she had been conscious for several days. The little thing watched me as I went out of the room, and in a few minutes called for a drink, which she had not done for several days. She is now improving. The parents both say that now they will follow the Lord, from henceforth. So mote it be. May God bless them.

Our Need of Tracts. Only recently, while Brother Haliday was doing the janitor work in the church preparatory for the evening service, a man came in and asked if he could secure the use of the church for meetings for a week or two. Brother Haliday said to him, that he did not know, that he would have to see the pastor. But that he thought he could not get it as we were holding meetings every night. So when the man was ready to leave he handed our brother a tract, which was handed to me. It lies before me now. It is the most seductive piece of literature I have seen for some time. It is issued by the Mormon church at Salt Lake, Utah. They have a mission in the city. Now here a people who have made the matter of literature a study, and I dare say, that this tract has made scores of converts for Mormonism. It carefully sets forth their strongest, and most scriptural position, in dialogue fashion, and studiously avoids the well known doctrines among them so repugnant to common sense

and the Bible. It is so fascinating that you will have read it thro before you will know what is its aim. Seductive and delusive in the extreme. Last summer I heard one of their "apostles" preaching on the streets, from the text, "Else what shall those do which are baptized for the dead." I Cor. 15: 29. They preach that a man can be baptized for those who have previously died outside of Christ and the dead of the past may be saved thro the faith of their friends living in the present, i. e., the living, may become an acceptable substitute in the act of baptism, for those who have died unsaved. A most preposterous construction of Paul's language, yet to the ignorant it has a peculiar fascination, especially to those who worship their dead ancestors.

Good tracts we have, but none that are just written especially for the needs of our missionaries. Such tracts should be brief, but clearly set forth the doctrines of Jesus in a fascinating way that will compel reading to the end. It shall be our aim to either bring out some such tracts, or enlist the talent of our brethren in it, or both. We have some good writers who are not doing their duties. Brethren, the Lord will hold you accountable for that talent. The Board will need money to get out these tracts, and do not be surprised if in the near future we should ask you to help us by contribution for tracts.

The outlook for the Missionary Board looks encouraging at the present time, and we hope that we may go thro the remainder of the year without being seriously cramped, but our friends should keep in mind the fact that we are conducting all our work on very economical lines, and regularity of remittances every month will be necessary to keep the work going without, perhaps, serious embarrassment which we wish to avoid.

On the 7th inst., I was called to Brooklyn, Iowa, to preach the funeral of Sister Connell, wife of brother H. H. Connell. It was sad. One of those events that marks a period in the history of a family. Notwithstanding the day was extremely cold, a large audience was present to pay their last respects to one they loved, and who was a strong pillar in the little church at Brooklyn. Brother Connell has the sympathy of a very large circle of friends and the entire brotherhood. Brother Gillin was present and assisted in the service.

Brethren, pray daily for our work in this city.

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WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Yesterday we were released from quarantine after an experience of three weeks. I feel thankful it was no worse. The terrible storm thro which we have passed made our confinement much more bearable. Meetings have been small but we note many evidences that the Lord is with us and blessing the work. Our membership, tho small, is not of that type that are too fearful and timid

to conduct the regular services in the absence of the pastor.

Another accession from the G. Bs.' last week,—a most worthy and highly estimable young sister. The "gospel alone" doctrine is still winning souls. It is still the power of God unto salvation, if we are willing to accept it.

I feel glad to note the change for the better in the matter of contributing to general missions during the past month, and we sincerely trust that the same may continue. And we also note with pleasure the monthly collections that are being taken in several congregations for the mission here; however, there are still other congregations from which we expected monthly contributions according to promise, but so far, have not materialized. Why this is, we know not. But we believe the Lord will continue to supply the needs of the mission, tho it often comes in a manner and from a source unexpected. And while our fund for the purchasing of a church property swells very slowly, yet, we are glad to note a gradual growth. We are still praying for a revival along the line. Our prayer must be answered by and by, and O, how glad we will then be. We sometimes get so sick of holding services in a place where worldly meetings of all kinds are held six nights out of seven. It is not at all congenial. And, dear brethren, when you are holding those glorious meetings protracted for weeks, we rejoice with you when many are swept into the kingdom by the great tidal wave of gospel grace; we rejoice that you can meet in your own "church home" and hold such meetings; and perhaps you sometimes wonder why you hear of no great revival services in the cities where missions have been planted. Please remember what the hindrance is. And when you think of that you will agree with me that it is not a lack of means in the brotherhood. O no, not at all; but simply a lack of responding to God's call. This is why we still are deprived of this great blessing. Let each brother and sister ask themselves the question, "Is it I?"

Please don't forget to pray over this, and do so at once, and mean it with all your heart and soul, and it will not be long until we can hold a series of meetings in the capital city, because you have simply rendered a very little service in the way of securing a place of worship we can call our own. Think of all these things while you are experiencing some of those "glorious revivals" and try to scatter the cloud so that a part of the "showers of blessings" may fall on those who have no place they can call "our own church home."

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God is a kind Father. He sets us all in the places where he wishes us to be employed; and that employment is truly "our Father's business." . . . And we may always be sure, whatever we are doing, that we cannot be pleasing him if we are not happy ourselves.—John Ruskin.